

***Native American Elders:  
Fostering Interagency Collaborations to Support Effective Outreach***

# **Trans-NIH American Indian/Alaska Native Health Communications & Information Work Group**

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# Purpose

The Work Group provides a forum for health education and communications staff from NIH Institutes and Centers to share strategies and effective communication approaches to develop and disseminate health information for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.



# Activities

- Outreach to Community Health Representatives
- Workshops for HHS employees
- Exhibits at national conferences



# Outreach to Community Health Representatives

- Quarterly mailings of NIH health information
- Partnership with IHS, National CHR Program
- To date, more than 11,000 packets mailed to 650 CHRs
- Health topics have included diabetes, substance abuse, bone health, arthritis, stroke, cancer



# Workshops

- Reaching Out to Urban Indians
- Building Partnerships Between IHS and NIH
- Partnering with Community Health Representatives
- American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Federal Programs
- "Cultural Competency Strategies for Indigenous Health... A Dakota Perspective"



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## NIH American Indian / Alaska Native Health Communications and Information Work Group

### Trans-NIH American Indian/Alaska Native Health Communications & Information Work Group

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#### About the Trans-NIH AI/AN Health Communications & Information Work Group

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Formed in late 2005, the Work Group provides a forum for health education and communications staff from across NIH to share strategies and learn effective approaches to developing and disseminating health information designed for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

In partnership with the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Work Group conducts outreach to 1,600 Community Health Representatives nationwide through a quarterly mailing of NIH health information. [Read more...](#)

#### Reports and Resources

- Literature Review -- [Taking Action: Health Promotion and Outreach with American Indians and Alaska Natives](#) -- [PDF version](#)
- [SAMHSA Cultural Competency Card](#)

#### Past Workshops

##### Reaching Out to Urban Indians: Best Practices in Communications and Partnerships Workshop

(November 16, 2011)

- [Executive Summary](#)
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## Related Information

[NIH's Native American Health Page](#)

[NLM's American Indian Health](#)

[NLM's Arctic Health Web site](#)

[MedlinePlus Native-American Health](#)

[American Indian/Alaska Native Employment Program](#)

[DHHS Indian Health Service](#)

[IHS Community Health Representative Page](#)

[Native American Research Centers for Health](#)

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## Other Resources

[Office of Minority Health - HHS](#)

[National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities - NIH](#)

National Library of Medicine - NIH

- [National Library of Medicine's \(NLM\) Office of Outreach & Special Populations](#)

- [MedlinePlus](#)

- [Clinical Trials for American Indians/Alaska Natives](#)



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